

---

# SR 258 Sight Distance Improvement Project

DES. 1298633

R-41258

From Base Road to N County Road 100 East  
Jackson County

Indiana Department of Transportation

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Cortland Elementary School

# Welcome

---

- Purpose/explanation of public information meeting
- Public information meeting format
- Environmental Process
- Purpose and Need Overview
- Proposed Project Improvements
- Anticipated Project Schedule
- Open House/Project display area



# Introduction

---

- INDOT Seymour District
  - Matt Rhoads, PE - Project Manager
  - Annie Walker – Communications Director
- Crawford, Murphy & Tilly (CMT)
  - Dominick Romano, PE – Project Manager
  - Nikki Patke, PE – Design Engineer
- A public information notice was mailed to known property owners in the project area.
- An announcement of this meeting was posted to INDOT's website.
- An advertisement of this meeting was placed in the Seymour Tribune

# Project Stakeholders

---

- Indiana Department of Transportation
- Indiana Division Federal Highway Administration
- Jackson County
- Elected and local officials
- Residents and citizens
- Commuters
- Businesses
- Emergency services
- Schools
- Churches
- Community organizations

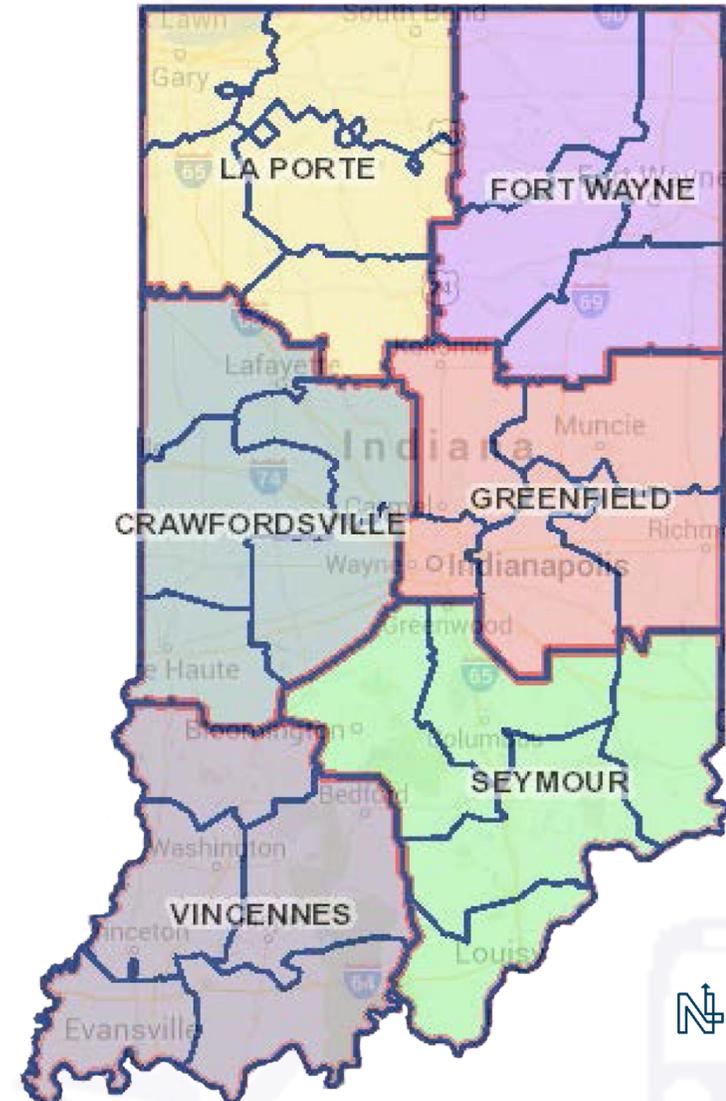
# Project Resource Locations

- Meeting Location: Cortland Elementary School
- Project Information can be found online at: [www.Seymour.indot.in.gov](http://www.Seymour.indot.in.gov)
- Questions/comments may be addressed to Dominick Romano at [dromano@cmtengr.com](mailto:dromano@cmtengr.com) or by contacting INDOT4U

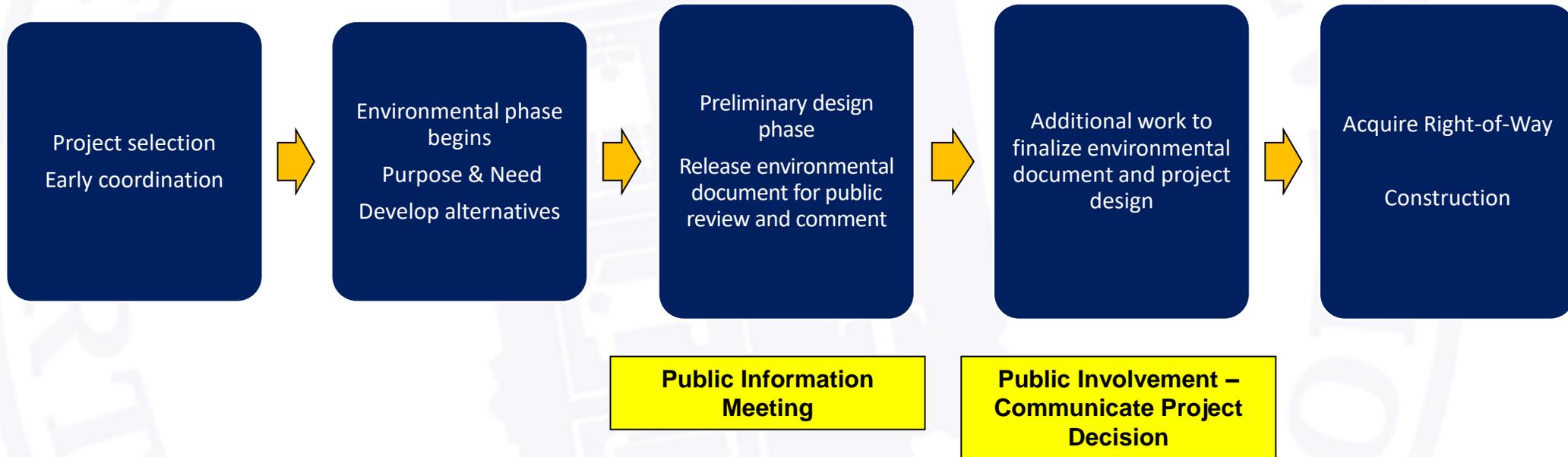
## Transportation Services Call Center

Provides citizens and business customers with a single point of contact to request transportation services, obtain information, or provide feedback through multiple channels of communication.

855-463-6848 • [INDOT4U.com](http://INDOT4U.com) • [INDOT@indot.in.gov](mailto:INDOT@indot.in.gov)



# Project Development



# Environmental Document

---

## **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)**

- Requires INDOT to analyze and evaluate the impacts of a proposed project to the natural and socio-economic environments
- NEPA is a decision-making process
  - Purpose and Need
  - Alternatives Screening
  - Preferred Alternative
- **Impacts are analyzed, evaluated, and described in an environmental document**
  - What are the impacts this project might have on the community?
  - How can impacts be avoided?
  - Can impacts be minimized?
  - Mitigation for impacts?
- **Environmental document released for public involvement**
  - September 28, 2022
  - Available for review online at [www.Seymour.indot.in.gov](http://www.Seymour.indot.in.gov)

# Environmental Document

---

- **Environmental Process**

- Establish purpose and need
- Develop possible alternatives
  - The “Do Nothing” alternative is a baseline for comparison
- Evaluate and screen alternatives
- Identify a preferred alternative
- Solicit public comment on environmental document and preliminary design plan
- Address and consider public comment as part of decision-making process
- Finalize and approve environmental document

# Examples of Items Evaluated

---

- Right-of-way
- Streams, wetlands, and other waters
- Floodplains
- Endangered species
- Farmland
- Cultural resources (historic/archaeological)
- Parks and recreational lands (trails)
- Air quality
- Noise
- Community impacts
- Environmental justice
- Hazardous materials
- Permits
- Mitigation
- Public involvement
- Commercial development

# Project Location



- SR 258 from approx. 0.5 mile west of N CR 100 E to approx. 500 feet east of N CR 100 E
- N CR 100 E from approx. 300 feet south to approx. 300 feet north of SR 258

# Purpose and Need

- **Need**

- Inadequate stopping sight distance along SR 258
- Inadequate sight distance for vehicles turning into/out of driveways

- **Purpose**

- Improve stopping sight distance along SR 258 based on posted speed limit
- Improve sight distance for vehicles turning into/out of driveways



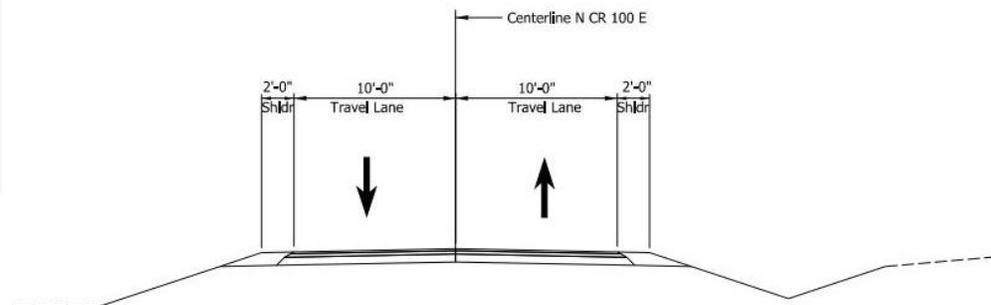
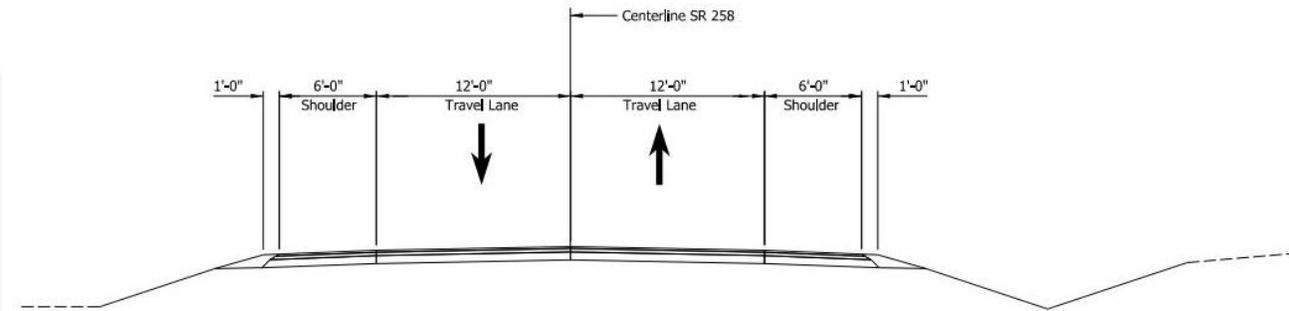
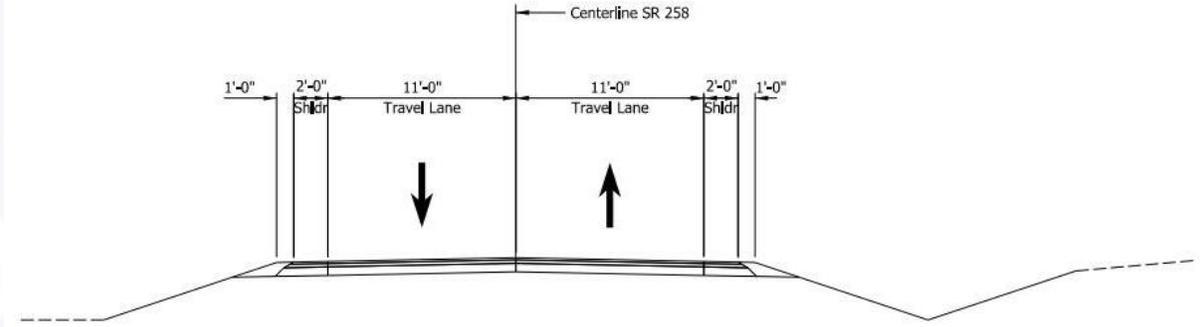
Inadequate Stopping Sight Distance – WB SR 258



Inadequate Sight Distance at Drives – EB SR 258

# Project Details

- SR 258 Roadway – West of N CR 100 E
  - 11-foot travel lanes
  - 2-foot paved shoulders
- SR 258 Roadway – East of N CR 100 E
  - 12-foot travel lanes
  - 6-foot paved shoulders
- N CR 100 E Roadway
  - 10-foot travel lanes
  - 2-foot aggregate shoulders



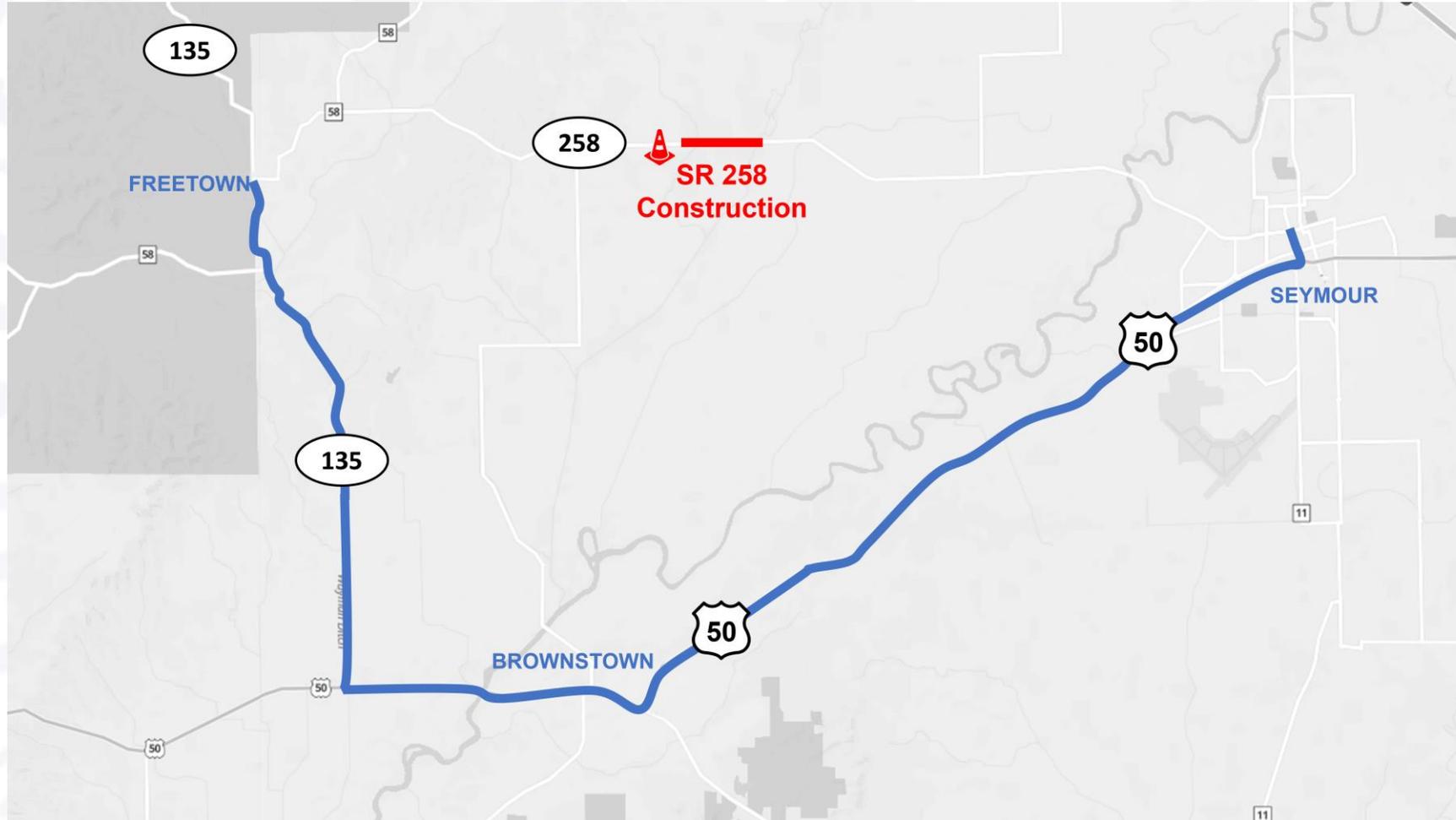
# Project Details

- SR 258 Profile Improvements
  - Stopping sight distance provided for posted speed limit
  - Maximum grade reduced from 11.5% to 7.5%
  - Eliminated “double dip” profile
  - Add 2-foot paved shoulders
- Other features
  - Retaining wall on the south side of SR 258 near the top of the hill
  - Combined driveway on the south side of SR 258 near the top of the hill
  - Maintain existing drainage patterns
    - Existing drainage structures will be replaced



“Double Dip” Profile – WB SR 258

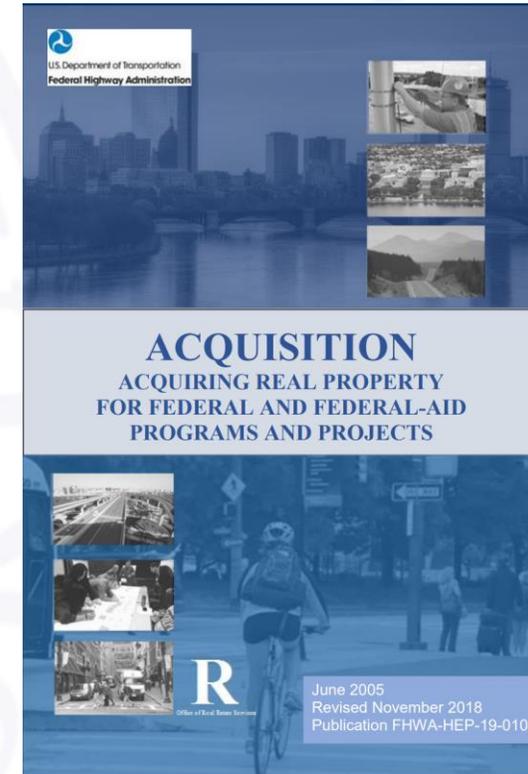
# Maintenance of Traffic



- SR 258 closed to through traffic. Detour: SR 135 to US 50 to SR 11
- Access to all properties will be maintained during construction

# Land Acquisition

- Parcels
  - 12 permanent / 6 temporary
  - No relocations
- FHWA Handout
  - [www.in.gov/indot/projects/files/FHWA-Acquisition-Brochure-BLUE.pdf](http://www.in.gov/indot/projects/files/FHWA-Acquisition-Brochure-BLUE.pdf)
- Appraising
  - Licensed and on INDOT pre-approved list
  - Offer to meet on site for appraisal
  - Establish fair market value
- Buying and Payment
  - Buyer will be on INDOT pre-approved list
  - Offer presented in person or sent registered mail
  - After acceptance, payment within 90 days



# Anticipated Schedule

---

- Final Design: Ongoing
- R/W Acquisition Process (Appraising and Buying): November 2022 – June 2023
- Construction: November 2023 – November 2025

# Thank You

---

- Project Information can be found online at: [www.Seymour.indot.in.gov](http://www.Seymour.indot.in.gov)
- Comments:
  - Comment Form
  - Email: [dromano@cmtengr.com](mailto:dromano@cmtengr.com)
  - Contacting INDOT4U
    - 855-463-6848
    - INDOT4U.com
    - INDOT@indot.in.gov
- Open House
  - Displays
  - Preliminary Design Plans
  - Project team discussions and informal Q&A

